

**Date: Tuesday 3 December 2024**

**Subject: Wales Participation in the ESC**

Dear Carolyn Thomas MS,

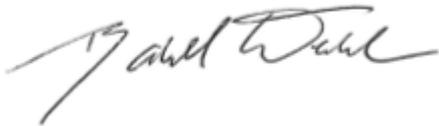
Thank you for your letter seeking further information on the process to participate in the Eurovision Song Contest.

Participation in the Eurovision Song Contest, and other Eurovision live events, is limited to public broadcasters which are members of the European Broadcasting Union. While S4C in Wales is a valued member of the EBU and has taken part twice in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest and once in Eurovision Choir, the BBC has taken part in the Eurovision Song Contest since 1957 and represents the whole of the United Kingdom at the event. As the BBC continues to participate, and remains the rights holder in the United Kingdom, this means an entry from the individual nations of the UK is therefore not possible at the Eurovision Song Contest.

Should you have any questions, I remain at your disposal.

Kind regards,

Bakel Walden



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